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SENATOR SYAS: Just an announcement. I got a call here from John Greenholtz, he's somebody thought left my name. Is there anybody here that wanted him and they got the names mixed up. Any Senator? Some Senator called, and they wanted him, but it wasn't me.

PRESIDENT: The next bill is LB 736.

CLERK: LB 736 (read) There are no committee amendments or other amendments, There is an amendment by Senator Cavanaugh. (Printed in Journal page 787)

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh, will you please explain slowly that amendment, Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Mr. President and members of the body. The amendment would increase the amount for Jury compensation from \$10 to \$20 in all courts. Basically, my feeling and the feeling of most attorneys who have observed juries in this state that they do not accurately reflect a cross section of the community, therefore raises serious questions as to whether or a not an individual is actually receiving a trial by his peers, because most juries end up consisting primarily of retired persons, and housewives who are the only persons who can afford to serve for any period of time \$10 a day. Some employers do continue to compensate their employees, but most do not. So the intent of the amendment would be to increase jury fees to a reasonable amount so that more persons could be..feel that they could take off from their employment and participate in jury process. I urge adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Ready for a voice vote. Those in favor of the amendment say aye, those opposed no. The amendment carries. What will we do with the bills. Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President, I move that LB 736 be advanced to E & R Initial as amended. The idea of LB 736 was to provide witness and jurors fees, which will be the same in the District, County and Municipal Courts. Service is the same, why shouldn't the fees be the same, and now as amended they would all be \$20 as I understand. I would suggest this, that a new, but I would ask that the bill be passed off of General File, but a new Fiscal Note be attached by the time we get to Select File so that we could see what the amendment does from the standpoint of Fiscal Impact. However the Fiscal Impact, I might add, will not affect the State. It will only affect the political subdivisions of the cities, and counties etc.

PRESIDENT: They have adopted the amendments, does this amendment make this a controversial bill? No one has said it is a controversial bill?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: They adopted the amendments, so the time to have a..objected to the amendment was when it was being put on the bill. They have adopted the amendments, so I would say that that part that made it controversial, when it was controversial then, and they have adopted it.

PRESIDENT: O.K. I just wanted to pick up votes for you, Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Thank you.